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MEMORANDUM FOR: CIA/TCO- *Dir of Project*
SUBJECT: COMINT Reaction Support to AQUATONE
Operations [redacted]

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1. The National Security Agency has extensive COMINT coverage [redacted] which would undoubtedly collect extensively [redacted] reactions in the event of an AQUATONE approach [redacted] It is understood that, in the course of a recent visit [redacted] indicated that this coverage [redacted] might be made available to Operations and the intelligence community (and kept out of general circulation within the United States intelligence community) by an informal arrangement [redacted] without the necessity of clearing either him or his people.

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2. Investigation recently conducted now suggests that this is highly improbable because of the extensive coverage available to National Security Agency from the area in question. Accordingly, *b7f b7g 4* it is our belief that if indeed operations are going to be conducted [redacted] it would be preferable, from the standpoint of security

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within the United States, to have the commander [redacted]

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[redacted] cleared and witting along with such people under his command

as are necessary in exactly the same way as we have been operating

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3. National Security Agency has also explored the hazards

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This, too, will be extensive. Unless [redacted]

[redacted] alerted [redacted]

it

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is expected that there will be wide dissemination of the COMINT

reactions [redacted] This raw

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material will also flow to the United States inasmuch as there is

no effective means of screening out such raw material unless the

dozen or so people in National Security Agency responsible for

screening [redacted] take which enters the United States are

cleared and instructed as to what to eliminate. *in detail.*

4. If it is deemed by Operations desirable to constrain

the dissemination of information and thereby induce speculation

25X6 both among [redacted] COMINT researchers, it is

recommended that steps be taken to develop an informal arrange-

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of the materials [redacted]

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